

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**Clerk's Department**

**Minutes of the Works and Utilities Committee**

**Wednesday, February 11, 1998**

The Works and Utilities Committee met on Wednesday, February 11, 1998, in Committee Room A, 2nd Floor, Metro Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

**Members Present:**

Councillor Betty Disero, Chair  
Councillor Gerry Altobello  
Councillor Lorenzo Berardinetti  
Councillor Ila Bossons  
Councillor Sandra Bussin  
Councillor Tom Jakobek  
Councillor Jack Layton  
Councillor Bill Saundercook  
Councillor Sherene Shaw  
Councillor David Shiner

**Regrets:**

Councillor Michael Walker  
Mayor Mel Lastman

**Also Present:**

Councillor Pam McConnell

**Confirmation of Minutes.**

On motion by Councillor Bossons, the Minutes of the meeting of the Works and Utilities Committee held on January 14, 1998, were confirmed.

**6. Appointment to Task Force on an Access and Equity Action Plan, Race Relations, Disability and Human Rights.**

The Committee had before it a communication (January 21, 1998) from Councillor Joe Mihevc, Chair, Task Force on an Access and Equity Action Plan, Race Relations, Disability and Human Rights, requesting that each Standing Committee designate a member to serve on the Task Force on an Access and Equity Action Plan, Race Relations, Disability and Human Rights, or to act as a liaison between the Task Force and each Standing Committee.

Councillor Jakobek moved that Councillor Disero be appointed as the representative of the Works and Utilities Committee to the Task Force on an Access and Equity Action Plan, Race Relations, Disability and Human Rights, as requested in the aforementioned communication.

Councillor Disero appointed Councillor Bossons Acting Chair, and vacated the Chair.

Councillor Disero moved that Councillor Jakobek be appointed as the representative of the Works and Utilities Committee to the Task Force on an Access and Equity Action Plan, Race Relations, Disability and Human Rights, as requested in the aforementioned communication.

Councillor Disero resumed the Chair.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Disero, it was carried.

Having regard for the action taken by the Committee, the foregoing motion by Councillor Jakobek was not put to the vote.

(Special Committee to Review the Final Report of the Toronto Transition Team; c: Councillor Tom Jakobek; Councillor Joe Mihevc - February 11, 1998)

**(Clause No. 6(b), Report No. 2)**

**7. Article Respecting Incineration of Waste.**

The Committee had before it a communication (January 30, 1998) from Councillor Anne Johnston, North Toronto, forwarding, for information, an article published in "New Scientist" respecting the incineration of waste and in particular questioning the benefit of paper recycling.

The Committee also had before it a communication (February 8, 1998) from Dr. Stephen Connell, Toronto, Ontario, submitted by Ms. Karen Buck, in response to the aforementioned communication from Councillor Johnston respecting the article published in "New Scientist."

The Committee referred the aforementioned communication from Councillor Johnston to the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management.

(Councillor Anne Johnston; Interim Functional Lead, Solid Waste Management; c: Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Dr. Stephen Connell; Ms. Karen Buck - February 11, 1998)

**(Clause No. 6(e), Report No. 2)**

**8. Rehabilitation of Sewers at Various Locations in the City of Toronto - Award of Contract No. 58537.**

The Committee had before it a report (February 6, 1998) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services recommending that:

- (1) Contract No. 58537 for the rehabilitation of sewers at various locations be awarded to the low bidder, The Lining Company (Inliner Canada Inc.), in the amount of \$1,324,837.00; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the actions necessary to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

**(Clause No. 4, Report No. 2)**

**9. Reuse, Repair and Rental Guide for Toronto Area.**

The Committee had before it a communication (February 9, 1998) from Mr. Michael Khoo, Toronto Environmental Alliance, forwarding a proposal for the continuation of the printing and distribution of the guide entitled "Use It, Re-use It", a guide to reuse, repair and rental in the Toronto area.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management for consideration with the operating budget, with a request that a report be submitted to the Committee on the responses received as a result of the guide by those companies listed therein.

(Interim Functional Lead, Solid Waste Management; Mr. Michael Khoo;  
c: Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services - February 11, 1998)

**(Clause No. 6(f), Report No. 2)**

**10. 1998 Environment Days.**

The Committee had before it a report (January 28, 1998) from the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management providing background information and plans for the operation of Environment Days in 1998; advising that the 1997 Environment Days were extremely successful, and summarizing the number of composters, water saving kits and blue boxes that were sold or distributed, and the amount of waste diverted by material type; and recommending that the report be received for information.

Councillor Shiner moved that the aforementioned report be referred back to the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management to review the Environment Days program with a view to achieving higher results more cost effectively, and to report back to the Committee with more details on the costs of the program.

Councillor Bossons moved that dates for Environment Days in 1998 be allocated to Councillors on a first-come, first-served basis.

Councillor Jakobek moved that advance approval be given to proceed with 28 Environment Days, one in each ward, and that the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management be requested to submit a report to the next meeting of the Committee on the issue of geographic areas that might require a second Environment Day.

Councillor Layton moved that the proposed 3Rs Committee be requested to:

- (1) consider the proposals for the 1998 Environment Days and provide any suggestions that might affect the program directly to the Works Department; and
- (2) review the results of the 1998 program, solicit comments and feedback from Members of Council for the design of Environment Days in subsequent years, and submit a report thereon to the Committee.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Shiner, it was lost.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Jakobek, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Bossons, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Layton, it was carried.

The following is the action therefore taken by the Committee:

The Committee recommended to Council that:

- (1) advance approval be given to proceed with 28 Environment Days, one in each ward, and that the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management be requested to submit a report to the next meeting of the Committee on the issue of geographic areas that might require a second Environment Day; and
- (2) dates for Environment Days in 1998 be allocated to Councillors on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Committee further requested the proposed 3Rs Committee to:

- (1) consider the proposals for the 1998 Environment Days and provide any suggestions that might affect the program directly to the Works Department; and
- (2) review the results of the 1998 program, solicit comments and feedback from Members of Council for the design of

Environment Days in subsequent years, and submit a report thereon to the Committee.

(Interim Functional Lead, Solid Waste Management; Councillor Jack Layton;  
c: Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services - February 11, 1998)

**(Clause No. 2, Report No. 2)**

**11. Beneficial Use of Biosolids;  
Odour Containment and Termination of  
Incineration at Main Treatment Plant.**

The Committee had before it a report (January 29, 1998) from the Interim Functional Lead for Water/Wastewater Operations advising, with respect to the matter of the Biosolids Demonstration Facility - Harbour Remediation & Transfer Inc. (HR&T), which was before the Committee at its meeting held on January 14, 1998, that the Amended Agreement with HR&T attached to Clause No. 1 of Report No. 13 of The Environment and Public Space Committee adopted by Metropolitan Council, as amended, on December 10 and 18, 1997, has been signed; further advising that the consultant previously engaged by HR&T has been engaged to design and install the new odour control facilities, and that until such facilities are installed, no biosolids will be shipped to HR&T, the only exceptions being to test possible odour equipment or to assist in the design of the new system; noting that the fully designed system is anticipated to be in place by July 1998 for full operation; outlining a plan for the demonstration of the thermally dried and composted alternatives to incineration identified as part of the Main Treatment Plant Environmental Assessment, including the initiation of a Toronto Biosolids Management and Implementation Plan, a public workshop in the spring of 1998, a draft strategy document for future biosolids utilization, and the issuance and evaluation of a Request for Proposals; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The following persons appeared before the Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Ms. Karen Buck, Toronto, Ontario, and submitted a communication with respect thereto;
- Ms. Karey Shinn, Chair, Public Committee for Safe Sewage Treatment in Metropolitan Toronto, and submitted a communication with respect thereto;
- Mr. Peter Smith, Lakeside Area Neighbourhoods Association;
- Mr. Dharmendra K. Rai, Plant Manager, Harbour Remediation & Transfer Inc.; and
- Councillor Pam McConnell, Don River.

A. Councillor Jakobek moved that:

- (1) incineration at the Main Treatment Plant be stopped no later than February 1, 1999, and

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that the Interim Functional Lead for Water/Wastewater Operations be requested to report to the next meeting of the Committee, scheduled to be held on March 25, 1998, on the feasibility of such date;

- (2) the Interim Functional Lead for Water/Wastewater Operations be requested to report to every other meeting of the Works and Utilities Committee on the status of the biosolids program;
- (3) an odour containment program be implemented at the Main Treatment Plant, and that the Interim Functional Lead for Water/Wastewater Operations be requested to submit a report to the next meeting of the Committee on the measures taken to ensure that odours are monitored and reduced, such report to also provide the history and operational information related to the biosolids loading building at the Main Treatment Plant;
- (4) HR&T be requested to implement new odour control facilities as soon as possible, and that until such facilities are installed, no biosolids be shipped to HR&T; the only exception to this condition being to test possible odour equipment or unless full scale operation is required to assist in the design of the new system; such operation being short in duration and all precautions being taken to reduce and control the impact on the community; and such testing to be done before May 1, 1999; and
- (5) the Interim Functional Lead for Water/Wastewater Operations be requested to submit a report to the Committee on the information referred to during the meeting respecting the sewage treatment plant in Hamilton, Ontario.

B. Councillor Layton moved that:

- (1) the Province of Ontario be urged to release the necessary regulations to facilitate beneficial use of biosolids;
- (2) the proposed Biosolids Management and Implementation Plan be submitted to the Works and Utilities Committee, and that it include the following components:
  - (I) a 100 percent diversion from incineration target with an appropriate timeline;
  - (ii) an independent, expert evaluation panel as previously endorsed by Metropolitan Council;
  - (iii) the necessary expert staffing plan to support the Plan;
  - (iv) a strategy for inviting and considering a wide range of alternative technologies and processes for beneficial use of biosolids;
  - (v) a process for involvement of citizens in the process of developing, refining, and monitoring the beneficial use of biosolids, such process to be developed in conjunction with the Councillors for the Don River and East Toronto wards; and
  - (vi) consideration of a rapid shift of biosolids to existing biosolids processing facilities in Southern Ontario;



- (3) the Harbour Remediation & Transfer Inc. facility not be restarted for testing of any kind until a report is submitted for approval of the Works and Utilities Committee outlining the additional odour controls which will be in place at that time; and
- (4) part (4) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Jakobek be amended by striking out the words “or unless full scale operation is required to assist in the design of the new system or unless full scale operation is required to assist in the design of the new system; such operation being short in duration and all precautions being taken to reduce and control the impact on the community”.

C. Councillor Bussin moved that:

- (1) part (1) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Jakobek be amended by deleting the date of “February 1, 1999,” and inserting in lieu thereof the date of “January 1, 1999”; and
- (2) the Interim Functional Lead for Water/Wastewater Operations be requested to submit a report to the Committee on:
  - (I) undertaking a series of testing of samples of sludges through other existing locations; and
  - (ii) the optimal time for restarting the HR&T demonstration project.

D. Councillor Bossons moved that the Interim Functional Lead for Water/Wastewater Operations be requested to:

- (1) involve outside consultants in the preparation of future Requests for Proposals for biosolids treatment; and
- (2) report to the Committee on the costs to accelerate odour abatement at the Main Treatment Plant.

E. Councillor Berardinetti moved that the Interim Functional Lead for Water/Wastewater Operations be requested to report to the Committee on odour control processes in place at the Highland Creek Treatment Plant and the Humber Treatment Plant.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (3) of the foregoing motion B. by Councillor Layton, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (1) of the foregoing motion C. by Councillor Bussin, in amendment to part (1) of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Jakobek, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (1) of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Jakobek, as amended, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (2) of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Jakobek, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (3) of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Jakobek, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (5) of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Jakobek, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (1) of the foregoing motion B. by Councillor Layton, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (2) of the foregoing motion B. by Councillor Layton, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (2)(I) of the foregoing motion C. by Councillor Bussin, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (2)(ii) of the foregoing motion C. by Councillor Bussin, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion E. by Councillor Berardinetti, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (1) of the foregoing motion D. by Councillor Bossons, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (2) of the foregoing motion D. by Councillor Bossons, it was carried.

Having regard for the action taken by the Committee, part (4) of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Jakobek and part (4) of the foregoing motion B. by Councillor Layton were not put to the vote.

The following is the action therefore taken by the Committee:

The Committee recommended to Council that:

- (1) incineration at the Main Treatment Plant be stopped no later than January 1, 1999, and that the Interim Functional Lead for Water/Wastewater Operations be requested to report to the next meeting of the Committee, scheduled to be held on March 25, 1998, on the feasibility of such date;
- (2) the Harbour Remediation & Transfer Inc. facility not be restarted for testing of any kind until a report is submitted for approval of the Works and Utilities Committee outlining the additional odour controls which will be in place at that time;
- (3) an odour containment program be implemented at the Main Treatment Plant, and that the Interim Functional Lead for Water/Wastewater Operations be requested to submit a report to the next meeting of the Committee on the measures taken to ensure that odours are monitored and reduced, such report to also provide the history and operational information related to the biosolids loading building at the Main Treatment Plant;
- (4) the Province of Ontario be urged to release the necessary regulations to facilitate beneficial use of biosolids; and
- (5) the proposed Biosolids Management and Implementation Plan be submitted to the Works and Utilities Committee, and that it include the following components:

- (I) a 100 percent diversion from incineration target with an appropriate timeline;
- (ii) an independent, expert evaluation panel as previously endorsed by Metropolitan Council;
- (iii) the necessary expert staffing plan to support the Plan;
- (iv) a strategy for inviting and considering a wide range of alternative technologies and processes for beneficial use of biosolids;
- (v) a process for involvement of citizens in the process of developing, refining and monitoring the beneficial use of biosolids, such process to be developed in conjunction with the Councillors for the Don River and East Toronto wards; and
- (vi) consideration of a rapid shift of biosolids to existing biosolids processing facilities in Southern Ontario.

The Committee also requested the Interim Functional Lead for Water/Wastewater Operations to:

- (1) submit a report to every other meeting of the Committee on the status of the biosolids program;
- (2) submit a report to the Committee on:
  - (I) the optimal time for restarting the Harbour Remediation & Transfer Inc. demonstration project;
  - (ii) the costs to accelerate odour abatement at the Main Treatment Plant;
  - (iii) odour control processes in place at the Highland Creek Treatment Plant and the Humber Treatment Plant;

- (iv) information referred to during the meeting respecting the sewage treatment plant in Hamilton, Ontario; and
  - (v) undertaking a series of testing of samples of sludges through other existing locations; and
- (3) involve outside consultants in the preparation of future Requests for Proposals for biosolids treatment.

(Interim Functional Lead, Water/Wastewater Operations; c: Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; All Interested Parties - February 11, 1998)

**(Clause No. 1, Report No. 2)**

**12. Deposit/Return System for Beverage, Wine and Spirit Containers.**

The Committee had before it a report (January 28, 1998) from the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management respecting the implementation of a deposit/return system for all beverage, wine and spirit containers in the City of Toronto, and the implications of withdrawing the collection of such materials from the Blue Box Program, as requested by the Committee at its meeting on January 14, 1998; outlining the issues of deposit/return and product stewardship which are under intensive review at this time, and the consultation processes being undertaken by the Recycling Council of Ontario (RCO) and the Association of Municipal Recycling Co-ordinators (AMRC) on product stewardship and deposit/return; forwarding a draft RCO summary of policy options which is about to be submitted for consideration by the Minister of the Environment; advising that the Waste Management Team is currently assessing, in detail, information developed by the previous seven municipalities regarding the issues of product stewardship, Blue Box funding and beverage container deposit/return, and that further information will be provided to the Committee at its meeting scheduled to be held on March 25, 1998, following detailed analysis and consideration of the information developed in the RCO and AMRC consultation process; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The Committee also had before it a communication (January 27, 1998) from Mr. John Jackson, Coordinator, Citizens' Network on Waste Management, requesting the opportunity to appear before the Committee at its meeting on February 11, 1998, regarding deposit/return systems and refillables as components of a new materials management strategy for the City of Toronto; and forwarding a copy of a report entitled "A Strategy to Promote Refillables

& Reuse in Ontario”, and a communication to the Minister of the Environment with respect thereto.

The Committee also had before it a communication (January 23, 1998) from Councillor Joan King, Seneca Heights, providing background information on the Recycling Council of Ontario’s Waste Management Roles and Responsibilities Consultation Process, a process initiated by the Recycling Council of Ontario to develop a consensus on a number of product stewardship issues; forwarding a copy of a communication from the Minister of the Environment with respect to the process, which requested that a number of funding options be developed; and listing the membership of a work group and Advisory Committee, and dates for forums to review funding options.

The Committee also had before it a copy of a communication (February 11, 1998) from Mayor Mel Lastman, addressed to Members of Council, forwarding an invitation to “Moving Forward on Stewardship for LCBO Packaging”, a forum sponsored by the City of Toronto and the Solid Waste Association of North America respecting options to eliminate the municipal waste management costs of wine and spirit containers, to be held on February 24, 1998, in the Council Chamber at Metro Hall.

The following persons appeared before the Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. Usman Valiante, Principal, General Science Works;
- Mr. Joseph P. Hruska, Vice-President, Municipal Development, CSR: Corporations Supporting Recycling, and submitted material with respect thereto; and
- Ms. Karen Buck, Toronto, Ontario, and submitted a communication with respect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Committee:

- (1) received the aforementioned report from the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management, and the aforementioned communication from Councillor Joan King; and
- (2) deferred consideration of the aforementioned communication from Mr. John Jackson, Coordinator, Citizens’ Network on Waste Management, until such time as the matter of deposit/return systems is again before the Committee.

(Interim Functional Lead, Solid Waste Management; Mr. John Jackson, c: Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Councillor Joan King; All Interested Parties - February 11, 1998)

**(Clause No. 6(a), Report No. 2)**

**Bulk Lift Garbage and Recycling Collection Services -  
Toronto and York Community Council Areas.**

The Committee had before it a report (January 28, 1998) from the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management respecting options for continuing contracted bulk lift garbage and recycling collection services, for high-rise apartments in the Toronto Community Council area, beyond the current contract scheduled to expire on June 17, 1998; and recommending that Contract No. 50130 be extended for a three-year period from June 18, 1998 to June 17, 2001, and that appropriate notice of this extension be delivered to the contractor, Canadian Waste Services Inc.

The Committee also had before it a report (February 2, 1998) from the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management recommending that Contract No. 50130 be amended as follows:

- (1) to provide for the inclusion of the provision of bulk lift garbage and recycling services to the York Community Council area effective June 1, 1998 until June 17, 2001;
- (2) that on June 1, 1998, the unit prices in the contract be amended as follows:

Garbage Collection and Delivery to Disposal	\$18.79 per tonne
Recycling Collection and Delivery to Processing	\$44.62 per tonne
Bulky Item Collection and Delivery to Disposal	\$64.40 per tonne
White Goods Collection and Delivery to Processing	\$71.27 per tonne; and

- (3) that the cost adjustment formula in Contract No. 50130 be applied to the unit prices imputed for 1993 based on the unit prices shown in Recommendation No. (2) above and shown below on June 21, 1998, and subsequent contract anniversary dates as provided in the contract documents:

Garbage Collection and Delivery to Disposal	\$17.48 per tonne
Recycling Collection and Delivery to Processing	\$41.50 per tonne
Bulky Item Collection and Delivery to Disposal	\$59.90 per tonne
White Goods Collection and Delivery to Processing	\$66.29 per tonne;

and that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Committee also had before it a communication (February 10, 1998) from Mr. Tommy Lenathen, Vice-President, Toronto Civic Employees' Union, Local 416, requesting that consideration of the report dated January 28, 1998, regarding extension of the contract for the provision of bulk lift garbage and recycling collection services, be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee also had before it a communication (February 11, 1998) from Ms. Karen Buck, Toronto, Ontario, respecting Contract No. 50130 and the provision of bulk lift garbage and recycling collection services for the Toronto and York Community Council areas.

Councillor Shiner moved:

- (1) the adoption of the aforementioned reports dated January 28, 1998 and February 2, 1998, from the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management; and
- (2) that the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management be requested to submit a report to the Committee by April 1998 on timelines and cost comparisons of all existing bulk lift contracts in the former municipalities.

Councillor Jakobek moved that:

- (1) the aforementioned reports dated January 28, 1998 and February 2, 1998, be forwarded to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee;
- (2) the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management be requested to submit a report directly to such Committee on the issues raised during the meeting; and
- (3) representatives of the Toronto Civic Employees Union, Local 416, be invited to appear before the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee.

Councillor Saundercook moved that:

- (1) the Chair of the Committee, Councillors Altobello, Layton, and Saundercook, and appropriate staff, be requested to meet with representatives of the Toronto Civic Employees' Union, Local 416, prior to the meeting of Council scheduled to be held on March 4, 1998; and
- (2) if necessary, a special meeting of the Works and Utilities Committee be held at the call of the Chair prior to the meeting of Council scheduled to be held on March 4, 1998, and that representatives of the Toronto Civic Employees' Union, Local 416, be invited to appear before the Committee at that time.

Councillor Jakobek requested the permission of the Committee to withdraw his foregoing motion, which was granted.

Councillor Jakobek moved that the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management be requested to provide information to the aforementioned Councillors on the issues raised during the meeting.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motions, they were carried.



The following is the action therefore taken by the Committee:

The Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned reports dated January 28, 1998 and February 2, 1998;
- (2) directed that:
  - (I) the Chair of the Committee, Councillors Altobello, Layton, and Saundercook, and appropriate staff, be requested to meet with representatives of the Toronto Civic Employees' Union, Local 416, prior to the meeting of Council scheduled to be held on March 4, 1998;
  - (ii) the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management be requested to provide information to the aforementioned Councillors on the issues raised during the meeting of the Committee; and
  - (iii) if necessary, a special meeting of the Works and Utilities Committee be held at the call of the Chair prior to the meeting of Council scheduled to be held on March 4, 1998, and that representatives of the Toronto Civic Employees' Union, Local 416, be invited to appear before the Committee at that time; and
- (3) requested the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management to submit a report to the Committee by April 1998, on timelines and cost comparisons of all existing bulk lift contracts in the former municipalities.

(Interim Functional Lead, Solid Waste Management; Councillor Betty Disero; Councillor Gerry Altobello; Councillor Jack Layton; Councillor Bill Saundercook; Mr. Tommy Lenathen; c: Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Ms. Karen Buck - February 11, 1998)

**(Clause No. 3, Report No. 2)**

The Committee recessed at 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

The Committee reconvened at 2:15 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Betty Disero, Chair  
Councillor Gerry Altobello  
Councillor Lorenzo Berardinetti  
Councillor Ila Bossons  
Councillor Sandra Bussin  
Councillor Jack Layton  
Councillor Bill Saundercook  
Councillor Sherene Shaw  
Councillor David Shiner

**14. Long-Term Solid Waste Disposal Planning.**

The Committee had before it a report (January 29, 1998) from the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management providing background information related to the contract for solid waste disposal with Browning-Ferris Industries Ltd., and reviewing previous siting processes for disposal capacity; also providing background information on the current planning process for long-term solid waste disposal being carried out under the Environmental Assessment Act, including the status of draft Terms of Reference prepared for approval by the Minister of the Environment preliminary to the submission of an environmental assessment, and the adoption of four Planning Principles; advising that based on input received from industry participants and provincial review, a number of changes to the draft Terms of Reference are being considered and will be brought before the Committee in March/April 1998; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The Committee also had before it a communication (February 11, 1998) from Ms. Karen Buck, Toronto, Ontario, respecting the long-term solid waste disposal planning.

Mr. Lawson Oates, Manager, EA Co-ordination Branch, Management and Technical Services Division, Works Department, gave a presentation to the Committee in connection with the foregoing matter, and submitted a copy of his presentation.

Councillor Layton moved that the aforementioned report be received.

Councillor Shiner moved that the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management be requested to:

- (1) revisit the planning process with respect to the maximum tonnage over a 20-year cycle, and to provide a quarterly report to the Committee on the status of the process; and
- (2) include in the list of possible alternatives the mining of the Keele Valley Landfill Site and other potential locations.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motions, they were carried.

(Interim Functional Lead, Solid Waste Management; c: Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Ms. Karen Buck - February 11, 1998)

**(Clause No. 6(d), Report No. 2)**

**15. Waste Transport and Disposal Agreement.**

The Committee had before it a report (January 28, 1998) from the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management respecting financial commitments made by Metropolitan Toronto for the haulage and disposal of solid waste by Browning-Ferris Industries Inc. (BFI) to a landfill site in Michigan and the costs thereof to the new City of Toronto, as requested by the Committee at its meeting on January 14, 1998; reviewing alternatives and strategies for short-term waste disposal addressed in a report dated December 4, 1996, from the Commissioner of Finance and the Commissioner of Works of Metropolitan Toronto, including an expansion of the Keele Valley Landfill Site, increasing tipping fees for private sector users in order to divert waste, and diverting some waste from Keele Valley through a private sector disposal contract; reviewing the main components of the contract with BFI, and advising that BFI commenced work under this contract on January 1, 1998; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The Committee also had before it a communication (February 11, 1998) from Ms. Karen Buck, Toronto, Ontario, respecting the waste transport and disposal agreement.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Committee:

- (1) received the aforementioned report; and
- (2) requested the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management to submit a report to the Committee on increasing the current tipping fees at landfill sites to cover costs.

(Interim Functional Lead, Solid Waste Management; c: Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Ms. Karen Buck - February 11, 1998)

**(Clause No. 6(c), Report No. 2)**

**16. Waste Management Facilities Proposed  
for Dufferin Transfer Station Site.**

The Committee had before it a report (January 28, 1998) from the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management advising, in response to the request of the Committee at its meeting on January 14, 1998, that the Dufferin Transfer Station is the future site of two new waste management facilities: a Blue Box Material Recovery Facility and a proposed Mixed Waste Recycling and Organics Processing Demonstration Facility; further advising that the essential terms and conditions of the contract with Miller Waste Systems for the Material Recovery Facility were finalized in December 1997, that the formal contract is presently being drafted, and that it is anticipated that both parties will sign the contract before the end of January 1998; also advising that an evaluation team is currently reviewing the submissions received in response to a Request for Proposals for a Mixed Waste Recycling and Organics Processing Demonstration Facility, and expect to recommend a contract award to the Committee in March 1998; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The Committee also had before it a communication (February 11, 1998) from Ms. Karen Buck, Toronto, Ontario, respecting the waste management facilities proposed for the Dufferin Transfer Station site.

At this point in the proceedings, Councillor Shiner moved that the Committee now recess to meet privately to consider legal aspects of the aforementioned report, in accordance with subsection 55(7) of the Municipal Act, which was carried.

The Committee recessed at 3:05 p.m. to meet in camera to consider the foregoing matter.

Members Present:

Councillor Betty Disero, Chair  
Councillor Gerry Altobello  
Councillor Lorenzo Berardinetti  
Councillor Sandra Bussin  
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The Committee reconvened in public session at 4:05 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Betty Disero, Chair  
Councillor Gerry Altobello  
Councillor Lorenzo Berardinetti  
Councillor Ila Bossons  
Councillor Sandra Bussin  
Councillor Jack Layton  
Councillor Bill Saundercook  
Councillor David Shiner

Councillor Layton moved that the aforementioned report be received as information, which was carried.

Councillor Shiner moved that the aforementioned report be submitted to Council, which was carried.

**(Clause No. 5, Report No. 2)**

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:10 p.m.

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Chair.